

## BOUND STRAIGHT FOR ZERO.

**THE BLIZZARD HAS GOT HERE, AND  
IT'S GOING TO STAY.**

**Humidity Adds a Danger to the Biting Cold and the Freezing Wind—To-day the North-**

It was rather cold by daylight yesterday, but a really cold wave struck the town last night. It came from the northwest, and its approaches were so gentle and insinuating that it caught the young weather sharp on the top of the Franklin building unawares. From sun-

rise until the middle of the afternoon the thermometer at the topofly signal service station registered 17°. But soon after 5 P. M. the wind came from the west and blew until at 10 o'clock it was 5° above zero, and the wind, which had gone down a little, blew twice in an hour. In the neighborhood of Buffalo the mercury sank last evening to zero.

The thermometer at midnight marked 4° above zero, and the wind had got up to fourteenth mile an hour. The thermometer said that with all this there was 78 per cent. of moisture in the atmosphere, which gave pneumonia and similar complaints a good chance to take hold. This cold snap, he said, will last for several days, and he did not bid us farewell until we reached the twisted end of the bridge where he had his last look at the city in the Northwest. He thought the thermometer would surely be at zero the morning, and he said that when it was a little warmer, one may expect a thirty-mile breeze.

It was a fine day, with a light warm sun, a mellow through the thickest clothing. But the cold on the street was nothing, compared with the main mass of the crowd that pressed over all exposed places. Probably the coldest place in the neighborhood of New York City was the bridge, where the cold wind and the trains crossed on the promenade. The greatest sufferers were the train men on the bridge and the men who were on the platform. One of the brakemen was required to remain on the platform while the train was passing. One of the men, with his nose blue and his teeth

last night. "There is no reason," he said, "why we should be required to stand out in the cold. The brakemen who are on the first car, and has to look out for a high signal, stand inside the side of the car and discover anything wrong as well by looking through the glass in the door near the engine. The brakemen in the rear, whose presence on the platform is not necessary. They could go back to the car in a second if a danger signal was given."

**WESTERN URGINGS DOOMED.**

**No Circus for Little this Year, Mr. Barnum**

St. Paul, Minn., March 25.—Hearst the Eastern

The big ones and their sons of New York and Brooklyn are all right. They will see the circus of Phineas Taylor Barnum and Brer Bailey in March, but unless the magnates of the Western railroads rescind their decision made a few days ago in Chicago, the Western owners, particularly those west of Chicago, will go to the Barnum and Bailey show and all other circus shows, so Mr. Barnum says.

Mr. Barnum was one of the most serious men in this town last night as he talked in the Murray Hill Hotel about the probable consequences to the young and old ones of the great West of the decision of the Eastern owners. He said that he and all circus showmen must pay higher rates than heretofore for transportation. His London agent, George Starr, was with him. Mr. Barnum said:

"We have been paying from \$200 to \$500 a

our cars and drawing them from one town to another. Under the decision of the Western railroad men, of which I have just been notified, we are to be charged for the use of the road from \$2,800 to \$3,000 a day. Mind you, we own our cars, and all that the railroad men furnish is the use of the road. They have raised the rates on us 1,000 per cent. Why? Oh, they say, Barnum & Bailey are not going to be able to afford to meet this strike. I do not, however, believe that the higher rates are directed against me personally. All I can say is that I will suffer by them. Speaking for our show, I am inclined to think that we have no right to complain. The Southern railroad men have even told me that if we do not pay for the use of the road, they would draw our cars for nothing. Why? Because when we reach a town dozens of our people go out and tell the other folks from neighboring towns to our show. The railroads make heaps of money out of us. They charge us for the use of the road, and we even pay us for travelling. The action of the railroad men in Chicago is positively prohibitive. I am sure that if we were to stop, we could not stand the higher rates, nor, for that matter, 25 per cent. of them.

On Wednesday we left our camp at Liverpool on Wednesday to make arrangements for bringing out our show in the United Kingdom and the Continent. I will be in London on Friday, and I will be in Britain and \$50 a day in France and Germany.

When I return home with my own hands before I submit to this outrageous extortion. What about other circus shows? Oh, they will take care of themselves.

**STARVED HIS ELDER BROTHER.**

Beer and Jealousy Eate Young James Beggs.

Charles Beggs, James Murray, and two girls, called at Murray's residence, 13 Broome street, to spend the evening socially last night. Much beer was drank and it was a very merry party when James's elder brother, Mike, came home from his work. He was in a bad humor, but while he was away Mike made love to the girl, and when he returned he found her sitting on Mike's knee.

James approached his brother bitterly, and finally plunged a sharp-edged table knife into Mike's back.

The girls ran away. Beggs called in a policeman. Who had the wounded man sent to Gloucesther hospital. The doctors say his condition is critical. James was locked up in the police station. He is 18 years old, and Michael is 10.

The police say that both young men are tough. They do not work, but depend upon their two respectable sisters, with whom they live in Broome street, for their living. The sisters were not at home, as they have to work late on Saturday nights.

A dog fouling at the mouth appeared in Jersey avenue at Third street, in Jersey City, Tuesday morning. The dog, except Hannah Woods, 13 years old, got out of his way. He bit on the left leg. She was carried to her home near by, and the wound was cauterized. At least seven other persons, except Hannah Woods, were brushed into a crowd of goats and bit several of them. Further up the avenue he bit three persons, and then he was shot and killed near the Hoboken line. The three dogs he had bitten were killed also.

Miss Annie Robe's Farewell to the Stage.

Miss Annie Robe appeared for the last time last evening as *Diane de Beaumont* in Steele Mackaye's "Paul Keweenaw," now running at the Standard Theatre. It is said that she will not appear again upon the professional stage. It is also said that she is about to be married to marry Mr. Daniel Chase Griswold of this city. Miss Griswold is a graduate of Harvard class of '87.

**Special Meeting of the State Committee.**  
ALBANY, Jan. 21.—A call for a special meeting of the Democratic State Committee will be issued on Monday. The committee will meet in the latter part of the week, probably Friday, at either New York or Albany. The object of the meeting is to elect members of the National Committee to fill the place made vacant by the death of Hubert G. Thompson.

John Foster Kennedy died yesterday, 50 years old. Thirty-two years ago he began peddling news. From house to house in a white car, he sold by the largest retail business in the country.

Today, Kennedy, husband of the late Thelma Kennedy, died of heart failure at the St. Francis Hospital, one of a line of only a few alive.

James H. Kennedy, a leader for a long time in the United Order of Good Templars, who became its national leader, died at St. Vincent's Hospital, and the order will escort his body from there to the grave at noon today.

Jonathan Rubin, one of the most prominent citizens of Rock, died this morning, aged 64 years. He was for several years president of the Rock Chamber of Commerce.